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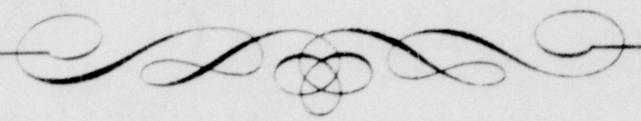
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**Cub Scout Awards Presented At Pack Meeting Dec. 16**

Cub Scout and Webelos awards were presented last Tuesday evening at the December Pack Meeting.

Gean Witt, Cubmaster for the past two years submitted his resignation. A new Cubmaster will be needed for the January pack meeting when all boys in the Scouting program will be re-registering.

Awards were presented as follows:

Bear: Gregg Bessire, Stanley Nall, Nick Bond, James Ervin and Jon Bill Holtz.

One year service and attendance: Ricky Crenshaw.

Gold Arrow Point: Kelly Offield, Mike Corley, David Scifres.

Silver Arrow Point, Aquanaut, and Athlete: David Brown, Clint Wheat, Paul Reynolds and Mike Corley.

Silver Arrow Point: Tracy Asher.

Aquanaut and athlete: Pat Harper and Mike Pritchard.

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**Neinda Philosopher Says Giving Christmas Gifts to Go On As Long As People Are People**

Editor's note: The Neinda Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Route One has discovered that Christmas is here again, his letter this week reveals.

Dear editor:

Although they're generally drowned out because people's instincts frequently are more inaccurate than their thoughts, still there are always a few around this time of year who say this gift-giving has gone too far, that Christmas has become just a big commercial blast, that people would do

better to spend their money more usefully.

Well, possibly so, but the same probably was said about a group of wise men, numbering three I believe, who showed up with some gifts one time. After all, what use are myrrh and frankincense to a newborn babe?

Now me, I believe in gift-giving so strongly that for years I've been working on a plan where everybody figured up what Christmas cost him, then put it alongside

the Christmas spirit is sort of like reforming society. It reads good on paper but nobody ever seems to pay much attention to it, people just go on being people.

Yours faithfully,  
Merry Christmas, this year and from now on, too.  
J. A.

**Hamlin High Happenings****Piper Patter**

Mary Wallace  
Thomas Goolsby

Toni Casey

School was officially dismissed for the Christmas holidays last Friday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m. Students will not have to return to classes until January 5, 1970.

The HHS Student Council sponsored a Christmas assembly last Wednesday, December 17. Gary Smith, council president, gave the welcome.

Then Jane Ferguson, Mary Wallace, Latrese Williams and Marcia Steele presented special music. Mrs. Youngblood, council sponsor, gave a reading concerning Christmas spirit and high school students.

The student body sang Christmas carols and a bright 1970!!

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**Herald to Print Early Next Week**

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## Reception Here Thursday To Honor J. P. Bowmans

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bowman, 236, N. E. Ave. E., will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday, Jan. 1, 1970 at a reception at the Jaycee Community Building.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bowman, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowman, was born July 2, 1896, in Comanche County. Mrs. Bowman, the former Flora Irick, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Irick, was born Dec. 9, 1900, in Haskell County.

They were married Jan. 1, 1920, Pilot Point, Texas in Denton County by Rev. R. L. Ely.

The couple's five children

## Perrin-Poston Vows Read Here Saturday

and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Poston of Gladewater.

The pastor, Rev. Sean Sheeran, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Cecil Hardaway, pastor of First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Henry Albritton was organist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a pale green silk dress with matching coat. Her corsage was of gardenias and stephanotis.

Pat Perrin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

James Stoner of Dallas was best man.

The bride, a graduate of Hamlin High School, is a student of Texas Women's University Dallas Center.

Poston is a graduate of Gladewater High School and is employed by Braniff International in Dallas. The couple will reside at 3901 Hall St. in Dallas.

**HEARS FROM DAUGHTER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hubbard have received Christmas Greetings from their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clayton, Brad and Jim in Guam.

The daughter, Martha, wrote of their activities in Tamuning, Guam, where her husband is teaching in the school system in Guam on a two year contract.

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Neoma Bailey  
Jan Davis  
Connie Kim  
Linda Nichols  
Darrell Craig

PIPER PATTER—  
Mary Wallace  
Thomas Goolsby  
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Judy White  
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Mrs. R. M. Babb  
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MR. AND MRS. M. E. HERRON  
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## M. E. Herrons to Mark Anniversary Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Herron of Sylvester will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, Dec. 27, with an open house at the McCaulley Homemaking Building, McCaulley, Texas, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. hosted by their children. Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Herron were married Dec. 23, 1919, in Anson by the Rev. Pope, a Baptist minister.

Mrs. Herron is the former Bulah Grace Jeffrey, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Bud) Jeffrey.

Mr. Herron is the son of the late J. W. Herron and Mrs. Sarah E. Herron who resides now in Merkel.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Herron

have resided in Fisher and Jones County since childhood.

Mr. Herron farmed in Fisher County for 30 years before moving to Shallowater in 1949, where he owned and operated Herron and Sons Texaco Service Station. In 1960, the Herrons returned to Sylvester where they resumed farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Herron are active members in the First Baptist Church of Sylvester where Mr. Herron is a deacon.

Children of the couple are C. D. (Monk) Herron of Rotan, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Morton of Dublin; Mrs. Don (Meddie Grace) Rollins of Snyder and Roy W. Herron of Sylvester.

The couple have 17 grand-

and 4 great grandchildren.



TREY STEPHENS  
... contest winner

### Trey Stephens Wins Contest

Trey Stephens was chosen "Prettiest Baby in the Big Country" in a recent contest sponsored by KRBC radio.

The winner was chosen from pictures sent in by the contestant's parents. His gift was a Christmas suit from an Abilene children's wear store.

Trey, 16-months, is the son of Mrs. Patricia Stephens of Abilene and Hollis Stephens of Lubbock. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Feagan and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stephens.

Naomi Class Meets  
In C. L. Howard  
Home Dec. 16

Naomi Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church was entertained Dec. 16 in the home of Mrs. C. L. Howard.

Mrs. LaFoy Patterson presented the program on the life of Lottie Moon. Offering was taken for the annual Lottie Moon endeavor.

A box of gifts was prepared for residents at Holiday Lodge.

White elephant gifts were exchanged.

Attending were Mmes. Flavil Holmes, E. A. Hewett, Norman Carlton, W. O. Gray, Wadrow Goodwin, Edward Gardner, Delmer Hill, Irby Weaver, Jack Collins, Watts Fletcher, G. W. Drummond, Bailey Meeks, F. C. Briscoe, Joe Simpson, Tom Nall, Thomas Ferguson and Opal Smith.

A white Christmas presages a prosperous year.

### Mary Martha Class Meets In Suter Home for Party

The Mary Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Bill Suter on December 18 for a Christmas party.

Mrs. Elam Griffith gave the devotional on "The Spirit of Christmas."

Three boxes of fruit, cookies and cakes were packed for the rest home in Jayton and for the two rest homes in Rotan.

After Christmas gifts were exchanged, refreshments were served to Mmes. Bill Choldress, A. E. Ball, Tom Hanis, Wade Davis, Margorie Robertson, Emmer Ellison, N. L. Altman, Walter Ivy, Alfred Rogers, J. B. Lee, Elan Griffith and hostess Bill Suter.

It is curious that one of the best-known carols, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol", written in 1843, is to be read, not sung.

### LVNA Entertains Husbands With Salad Supper

Members of the LVNA, Div. 73, entertained their husbands at a salad supper Dec. 16, in the high school cafeteria.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Fred Teichelman, Otha Brown, L. V. Miller, R. W. Higdon, Cecil Brown. Also Mmes. W. W. Wallace, W. R. Perryman, J. W. Scifres and Steve Herring.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for a program to be presented by the Hamlin FFA Chapter on parliamentary procedure.

"Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas and the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way upon such account as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall pay for each offense five shillings as a fine to the country."

Law passed by the Pilgrims in 1659.

## Christmas Has Many Names...

In Greece Christmas is called "Genethlia," feast of the Nativity.

Noel is the term used for Christmas in France.

An Italian name for Christmas is "Nativita" from which probably derived the Spanish "Navidad."

The German "Heilige Nacht" signifies "holy night."

The likeliest derivation of our own "Christmas" is from the Hebrew "mas" which means tribute.

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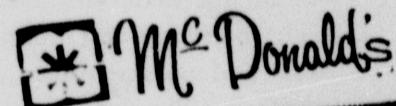
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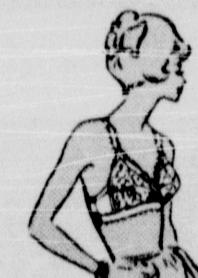
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## Old Wives' Tales Woven Around the Christmas Season Are Favorites

Superstition has long colored our concept of history and particularly its religious tenets. Frequently in countries where literature and the arts flourish, so do "old wives' tales," for good or ill.

In Scotland some people believe that to be born on Christmas is to have the power to see spirits and even to command them. According to Sir Walter Scott the Spaniards attributed the haggard looks of Philip II to the terrible visions he was able to see because he had been born on Christmas.

By contrast, in Silesia a baby born on Christmas will become either a lawyer or a thief.

English mothers used to take sick babies to the door Christmas Eve midnight, when Mary was expected to pass with her Child. If the baby recovered it was a sign that it had been touched by the Child with healing fingers; if it did not, it was believed that He had called the baby to be His playmate in Heaven.

In the duchy of Swabia girls went to the woodpile on Christmas Eve to draw sticks. If a long one, their future husband would be tall; if a thick one, he would be fat; if crooked, he would also be crooked in figure. If she wanted to determine his business the girl would drop melted lead into a pan of cold water. The lead would congeal into a shape suggesting an occupation. No matter how odd the shape, the old wives would come up with an occupation which seemed to satisfy the girl.

On Christmas Eve a maiden would set a bowl of water outside a window to freeze. The form which the ice took would dictate her future husband's business.

In Northern England girls placed holly under their pillows and chanted:

Good St. Thomas serve me right  
And send me my true love tonight  
That I may gaze upon his face,  
Then him in my fond arms embrace.

Some girls make an indigestible cake of flour, water and salt. They eat this on Christmas Eve and it is expected to make them dream of their future husband.

In Switzerland, if a girl accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas it is an act of betrothal.

## RESOLUTIONS ARE MADE TO BE KEPT

Don't go through the motions of making New Year's resolutions unless you have serious intent of making them work. In fact, according to psychologists, you may be doing your psyche harm by experiencing another defeat. You'd be better off not making resolutions at all.

One expert suggests we make resolutions aimed at self-improvement, rather than promising to do things which would require a sharp change in our habits or activities.

Here is a 4-point guide-line:

- Never let pressure of a calendar date or friends' well-meaning nudges cause you to make a resolution.

- Stop and take inventory of your problems. (Oh, yes, you have them). Try to trace the source of the trouble, not merely the symptom. If necessary, get professional advice.

- When you have located the source of the problem, find out how important a change is to you. Do you really want to effect this change? Would you really work at it? If you cannot honestly say "yes" to both these questions, you probably won't achieve the change.

- Don't set too high standards for yourself. Keep your goals reasonable. Keep in mind that many mental problems as well as lost resolutions are due to your making unreasonable, unattainable demands on yourself.

## the Medieval ceremony of the 'royal peacock'

An elegant meat dish served in royal houses during Medieval times at Christmas, was the roast peacock. This dish was called "food for lovers and meat for lords."

A royal dish it was, too. The cooks carefully removed the skin with all its brilliant plumage. After it had been baked and partly cooked, the feathers were replaced and the tail spread out, just before the bearer entered the hall.



## Yule Customs Date Back to Fourth Century Recalling Man's Good Deeds

*why do children hang up a stocking?*

The first St. Nick was a real person, Nicholas, a bishop in Asia Minor in the Fourth Century.

According to legend the bishop heard of a poor man who was about to sell his 3 daughters into slavery because he could not provide a dowry for them; this was not only customary in those days, but obligatory, to avoid disgrace.

St. Nicholas saved them by gifts of gold. Each time, he threw the gift into the house, in order not to be recognized.



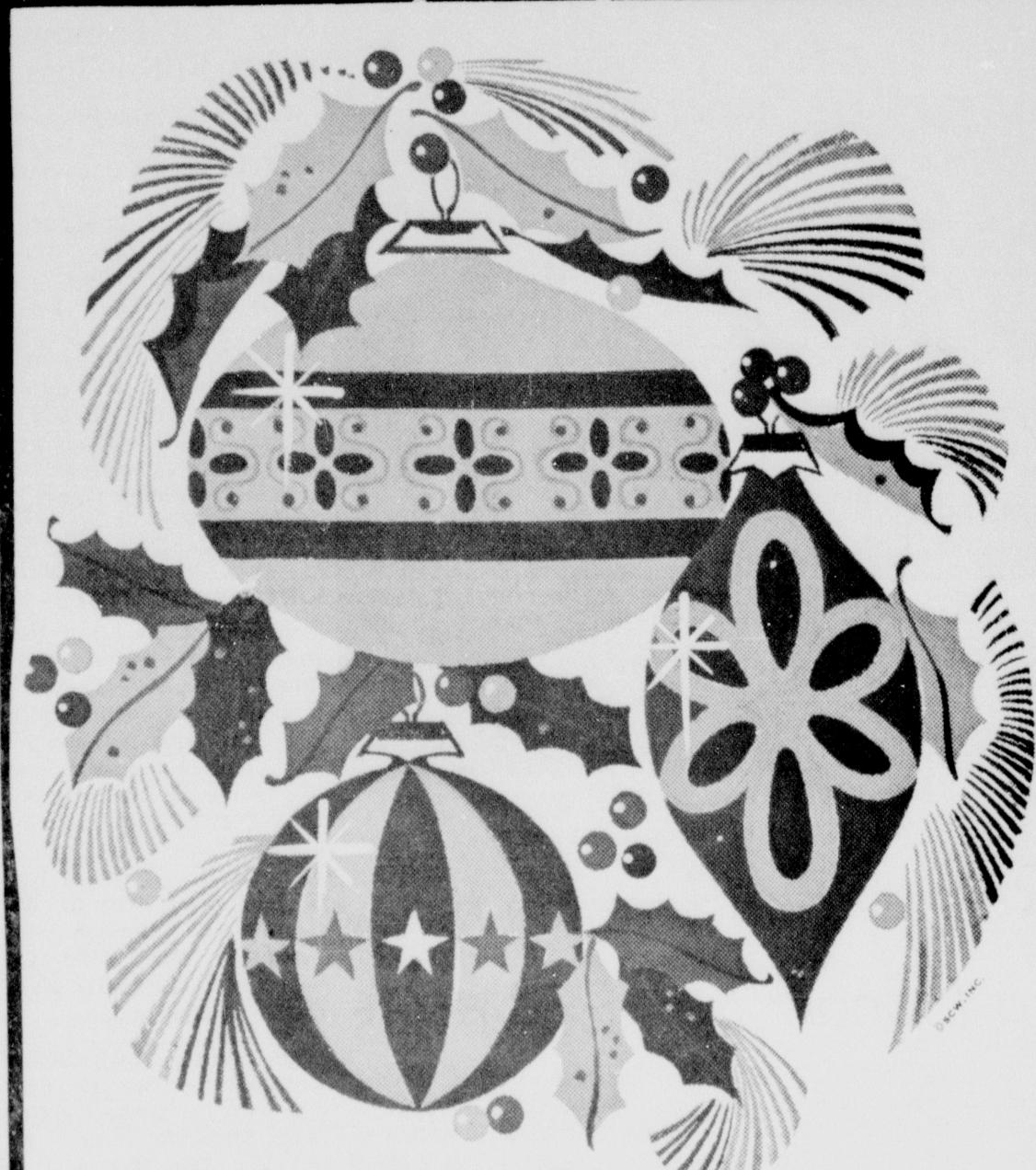
One version tells it that he threw the gold down the chimney, where it fell into a stocking hung there to dry.

And so to this day children hang up their stockings for gifts from this real Saint.

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It is said that one who sits under a pine tree on Christmas Eve will hear angels singing.

If the sun shines through fruit trees on Christmas Day, it is a sign that the trees will bear much fruit.

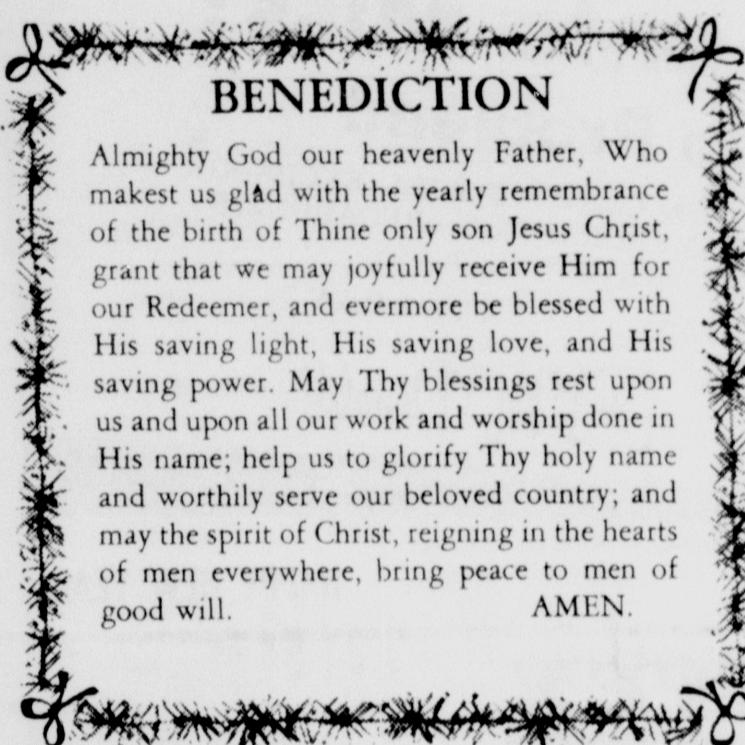


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Sincere good wishes to you, our good friends and customers, this very joyous season.

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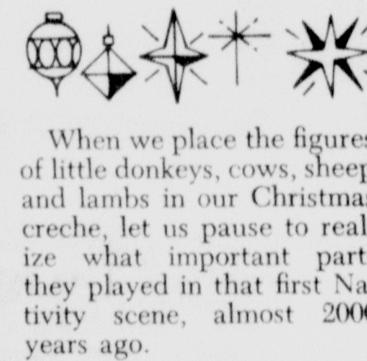
J. C. TURNER LA VERNE HUNTER JOYE CARY



### BENEDICTION

Almighty God our heavenly Father, Who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only son Jesus Christ, grant that we may joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, and evermore be blessed with His saving light, His saving love, and His saving power. May Thy blessings rest upon us and upon all our work and worship done in His name; help us to glorify Thy holy name and worthily serve our beloved country; and may the spirit of Christ, reigning in the hearts of men everywhere, bring peace to men of good will.

AMEN.



When we place the figures of little donkeys, cows, sheep and lambs in our Christmas creche, let us pause to realize what important parts they played in that first Nativity scene, almost 2000 years ago.

*An Old Fashioned Christmas*

Here's wishing you a holiday season that's in the old-time tradition!

**FRANK'S**  
HAMLIN'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE

*Christmas Cheer*

At this joyous time of year, we extend our warmest wishes and express our appreciation for your loyal support.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

"Solid As A Rock"



## classic favorite Christmas story: The Gift of the Magi retold...

adapted from the famous  
story by O. Henry

In the early years of the 20th century, twenty dollars a week was considered quite a decent salary. A furnished flat could be had at eight dollars a week. Even so, a

dollar and eighty-seven cents seems a very paltry sum, especially to a young wife desperately facing a forlorn Christmas, just a day away.

For Della Young it was enough to drive her to tears; she so wanted to buy a gift

for her young husband, Jimmy, and the prospect was, to say the least, bleak.

You see, Della could not compromise with the occasion. Only something "fine and rare and sterling" would do, for her Jim.

Suddenly, amidst her tears, she was struck by a thought. Standing before the mirror her eyes shone brilliantly but her face suddenly lost its color. She pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

It was a gorgeous sight. In fact Della's hair was one of the two possessions the Jim Youngs took a mighty pride . . . the other was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandmother's.

And now Della's beautiful hair fell about her shoulders rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee. The thought that had penetrated her mind was too horrid for her to contemplate. She did it up again quickly. A tear dropped on the worn red carpet.

But the thought persisted. With grim determination she put on her old brown jacket, jammed her old brown hat on her head, and with a whirl of skirts sailed out the door and down the steps to the street.

In a few minutes she stopped at a hair goods shop, presided over by a Mme. Sofronie. The madame was hard and cold, but she knew a fine head of hair when she saw it. She named her price: twenty dollars.

Della accepted it quickly, and raced off to ransack the stores before they closed. She had to find Jim that perfect gift.

She found it: a platinum fib chain exquisitely simple, eminently worthy of Jim and the Watch. Twenty one dollars it cost her, but Della was ecstatically happy. She was warmed by the thought of how Jim would be able to

properly inquire about the time among his peers, now that he would have such a fine chain.

When she got home she heated the curling irons and frizzled the remaining thatch of hair hoping thereby to make the cropping less noticeable.

Alas! When Jim came home and looked at her, he was as if struck dumb. Not furious, not disappointed, but somehow in a state of shock.

"Jim, dear," pleaded Della, "don't look at me that way. I had to do it! I couldn't find you the right gift with the little money I had. And" (brightening) . . . "my hair grows fast! Say Merry Christmas, and let's be happy."

Out of his trance Jim

### HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS

Although many Hawaiians have never seen ice except in the form of a cube, they paint their Christmas trees white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair — but one reserved for the intimate family group, behind locked doors and drawn blinds.

Hawaiian hospitality is such that were the doors not locked and the blinds not drawn, strangers would wander in, expecting the host and hostess to offer open-house hospitality of food and drinks. However, inexpensive gifts are exchanged by everyone.

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer  
A poor man's heart through half the year. — Scott

### 'miracle' of the pine cone

Legend has it that a pine tree sheltered the Christ Child during the flight of the Holy Family from Herod's soldiers. As the family huddled 'neath the tree, the pine dipped its branches to hide them — until the soldiers passed on.

And, when the danger was over, the baby Jesus blessed the tree . . . If you will cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you will see the imprint of the Holy Infant's hand.



A JOYOUS GREETING TO ONE AND ALL!  
MAY YOUR HOLIDAY RING WITH LAUGHTER!

VARIETY

**Winn's**

STORES

HAMLIN



### O Holy Night

The Saviour is born; the world rejoices.  
May every joy be yours this holy season.

**JOE HUDSPETH'S**



Here's a wish that true merriment  
will be yours through the holidays!

### BRYANT INSURANCE AGENCY

MR. AND MRS. JOHN C. BRYANT  
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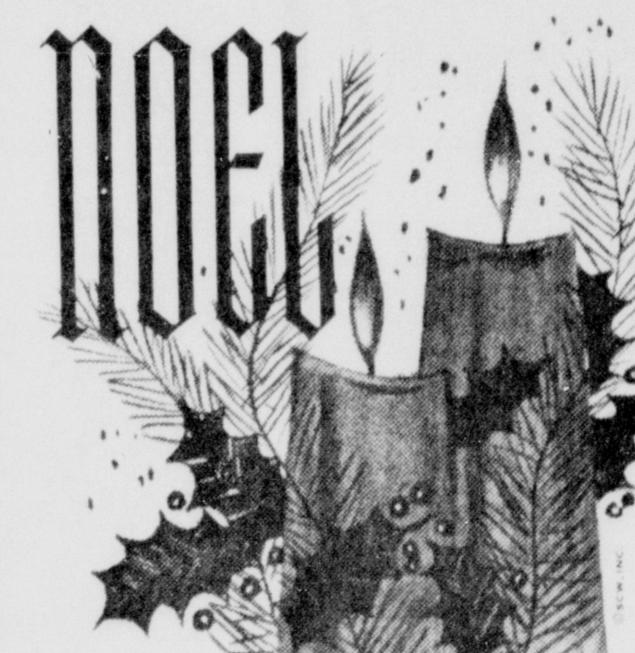
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We would like to thank you, our loyal friends, for your patronage this year. It has been a real pleasure serving all of you.

**ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.**

LUMBERMEN  
HAMLIN, TEXAS



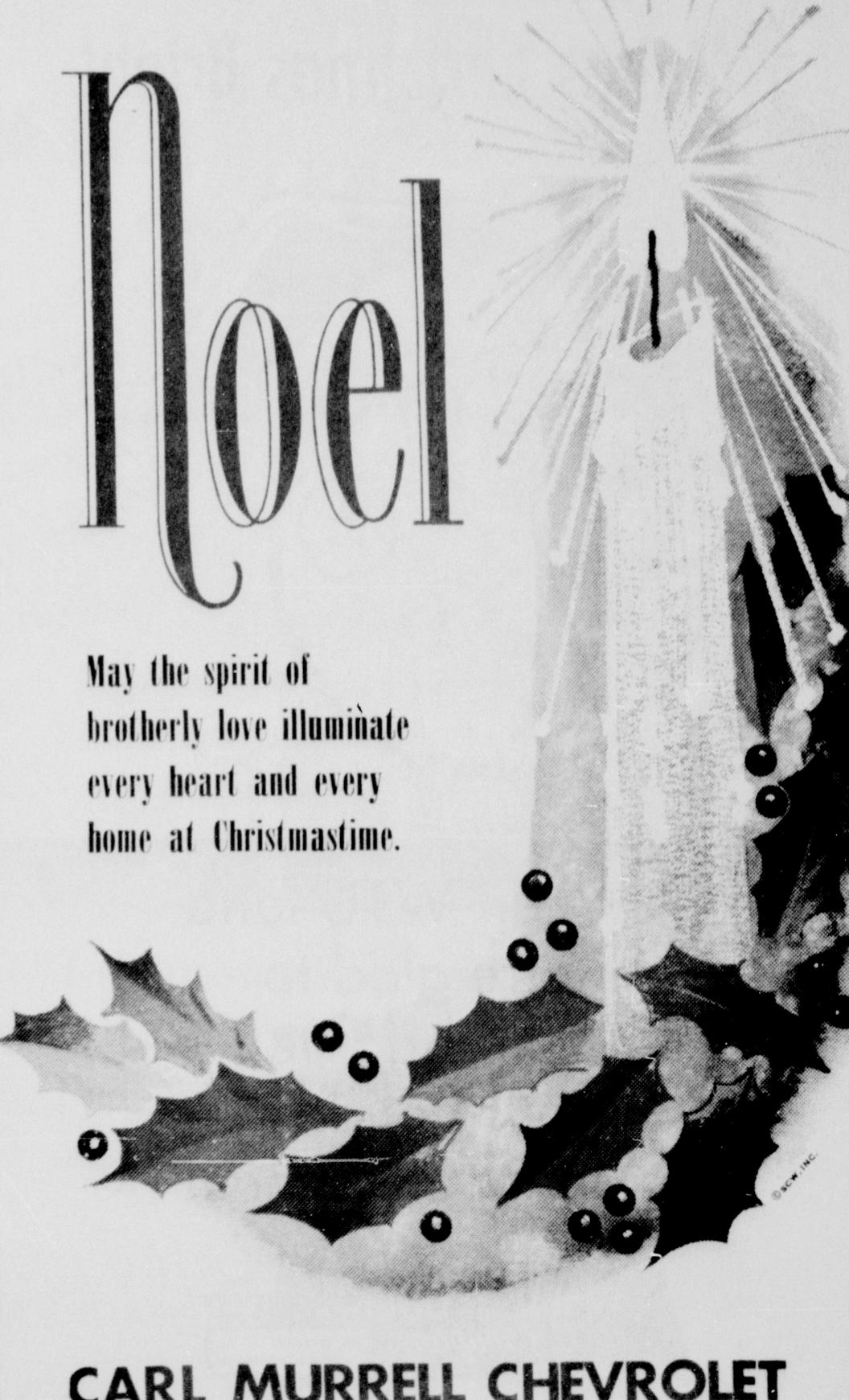
As we open the door to another New Year our thoughts turn gratefully to those whose courtesy, good will and loyalty have helped make our progress possible.

It is in this spirit the employees of Celotex extend to all the warmest

*Season's Greetings*

THE CELOTEX CORPORATION

HAMLIN PLANT



**CARL MURRELL CHEVROLET**



*McDonald's*



Good cheer to our  
wonderful friends and customers

CITY FOOD MARKET

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Mr. and Mrs. John Holtz

## The Gift of Light Makes Christmas Bright



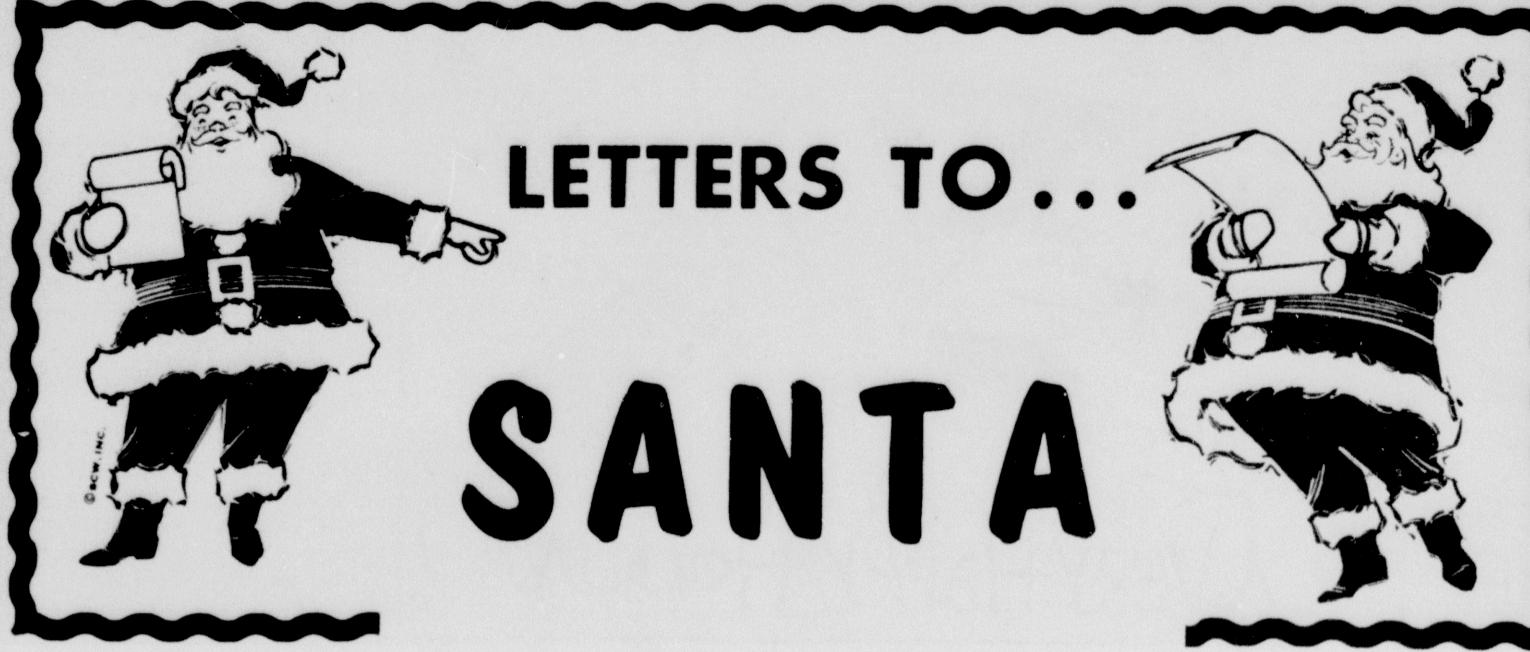
We in WTU land  
are glad to  
help brighten  
your holidays.  
Merry Christmas!

West Texas Utilities  
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Opportunity  
Employer

an investor  
owned company



## LETTERS TO...

# SANTA



Dear Santa,  
I want a play machine Gun and a wagon and a dart set for Christmas.

Curtis Collins  
I am 6 years old.  
Curtis

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle, gun set and a racing car for Christmas.

Thank you, Santa.  
Saul Longoria

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a machine gun, a race car set, a book satchel, a record player, a bike.

Thank you.  
Willie Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch, bike, BB gun, walkie-talkie. Thank you for the sleigh ride.

Marty Casey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a good boy. For Christmas I want you to bring me a big Bike and a record player train set too.

John Cook

Dallas Cowboy Football Suit. Plus helmet Power mites. Rockem Sockem Robot.

Bill Blast off  
Joe Don Jeffrey

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is James Robins. I want a bicycle, a guitar, some cars, and guns.

Thank you.  
James Robins

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy sometimes. Thank you for riding me on your sled.

Lem Hunter

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Julia Doll and some Dishes. I have been a good girl and I want a stove.

Yours truly,  
Monica Jil Covington

Dear Santa,  
I want a Julia doll and some dishes and a play telephone, and a stove. I have been a good girl.

Yours truly,  
Veronica Lil Covington

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle, a BB gun and a robot for Xmas. I am nice.

Jerry Don McLaughlin

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,

I want a walking doll and some beads and some clothes for Christmas.

Thank you,  
Leashia Eaton

Dear Santa,  
I want a walking doll for Christmas, also a camera and doll dishes. Thank you for the sleigh ride.

from  
Jacquelyn Hooper

Dear Santa,  
I would like a truck van, hot wheels set and a dune buggy.

Charles Hazard

Dear Santa,  
I am a Boy. I am seven. I want a big Guitar and a Jonny Lightning five hundred.

And a cotton candy machine. I like you Santa.  
Wayne Skiles

Dear Santa,  
My brother, Greg didn't get to tell you what he wants for Christmas. He wants a Coke machine and cement truck.

Love,  
Mark Young

Dear Santa,  
I want a Johnny Lightning 500 and a foot ball Tee.

Love,  
Mark Young

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a new Doll and her name is Crissy.

Love,  
LaEtte Scifres

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a rock

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes,  
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated.  
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;  
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;  
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,  
No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm;  
So hollow'd and gracious is the time.

Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 1



## JOY TO ALL!



Wishing you peace at

Christmas. May this season  
bring to you many blessings.

PIED PIPER CAR WASH

A. B. French



## CHRISTMAS CHEER

To each and every one

of our friends: thank you!

REYNOLDS DRUG

# Best Wishes



...to you and your family.

May the beauty of the season be  
reflected in the hearts of all men.

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS

Lou Ann, Jimmy, Sharon and Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a rock

## WORDS TO LIVE BY...

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas time, when its mighty founder was a child, Himself.

Charles Dickens

Heap on more wood! The wind is chill. But let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still.

Sir Walter Scott

Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto me.

Matthew 25: 40

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what can I give him? Give my heart.

Christina G. Rossetti



May Christmas blessings be with you

JESS AND NAOMI YOUNG

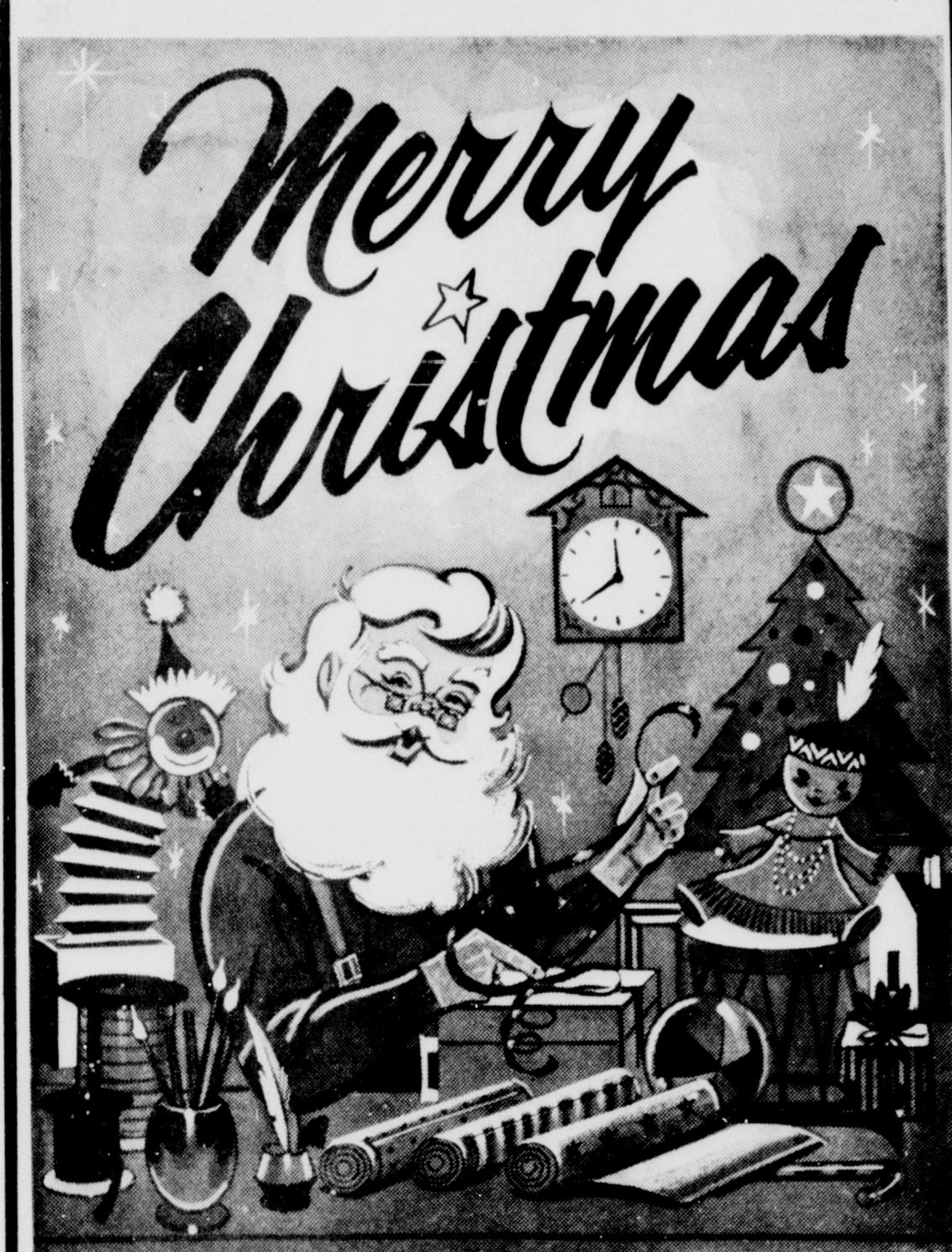
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Wishing you the

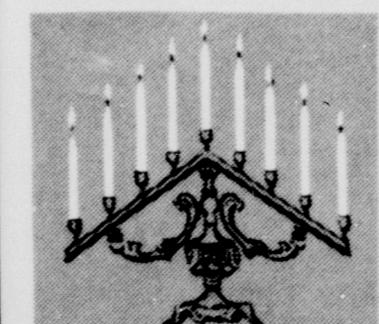
joys of the Christmas season

CARTER'S VARIETY STORE



We hope that Santa is good to you &  
brings you the best of everything!

**HOWARD DRUG CO.**  
AND EMPLOYEES



Tom-toms accompany the  
carol singing of Philip-  
pine students at Christian  
schools.



## LETTERS TO...

# SANTA



Dear Santa,  
I want an easy baker for  
Christmas.  
Dorothy White

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a 22 rifle,  
a ring, a football suit and a  
football.  
love  
Carl Wade

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a  
Dancerina and a Julia Doll  
that talks. I would also like  
a Suzie Home maker. I enjoyed  
the sleigh ride.  
Thank you,  
Michael Ann Green

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like  
a bicycle and a Susy Home-  
maker toy.  
Thank you,  
Carrie Sue Robinson

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I  
liked the ride with you on  
the sleigh. How is Rudolph?  
I would like a Baby Catch-  
a-Ball, and candy machine.  
I try to be good and I love  
you.  
Laveta Miller

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar and a pop-  
rifle with some caps. Please  
bring Debbie a necklace.  
Thank you,  
Robert Richter

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me  
a vacuum cleaner, nurse kit,  
jump rope, baton, and roller  
skates.  
Thank you,  
Laurie Dunn

Dear Santa,  
I enjoyed the ride on your  
sleigh very much. I hope I  
can ride it again next year.

You didn't get down to  
me Wednesday so I'll tell you  
what I want now. I want a  
"Susie Homemaker Oven"  
and a bicycle with training  
wheels.

Yours truly,  
April Harris

Dear Santa,  
I want a BB gun. I have  
tried to be a good boy.  
Love,  
Steven Roth

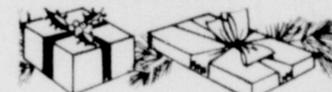
Your little friend

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new bicy-  
cle with a wheely bar and a  
speedometer my mother  
wants you to bring her some  
patience pills.

Thanks,  
Love,  
John Neal

Dear Santa,  
I enjoyed my ride on the  
sled. I want a Miss Beasley  
doll.

Your little friend,  
Raenell Wilson



Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like  
a bicycle and a Susy Home-  
maker toy.  
Thank you,  
Carrie Sue Robinson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy.  
May I please have a tricycle  
and hot wheels? Also some  
power tongs. And please see  
if you can find me some  
Spurs and boots. Thank you,  
and Merry Christmas!  
Darrell Hart

Dear Santa,

I have not been a very good  
boy. But I want a gun for  
Christmas anyway.  
Thank you  
Glen Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy.  
May I please have a tricycle  
and hot wheels? Also some  
power tongs. And please see  
if you can find me some  
Spurs and boots. Thank you,  
and Merry Christmas!  
Darrell Hart

Dear Santa,  
I have not been a very good  
boy. But I want a gun for  
Christmas anyway.  
Thank you  
Glen Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I want a couple of dolls.  
Some dishes, and a sidewalk  
bike.  
Karla Allen

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Fine I hope.  
I want to thank you for the  
gifts you brought me last  
year may God bless you.

Please don't forget the kids  
that don't have mothers and  
fathers this year. I have tried  
to be a good boy this year  
and if I'm good enough will  
you please bring me a bike?

I'll leave you the pop and  
cookie I promised you.

David Campos

P. O. Box 85  
Hamlin, Texas 79520  
December 11, 1969

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you have a merry  
Christmas.

I want a racing car and a  
truck.

Jesse Hooper

Dear Santa Claus,

Please give me a B-B Gun.  
I would like a racing track  
too. Please don't get the same  
kind that you got me last  
year, because that one was too  
easy to break. Get something  
else too. Get how many things  
you want to. I really want  
a B-B Gun, and a racing  
track.

Your friend,  
Russell Crowley

Age 7

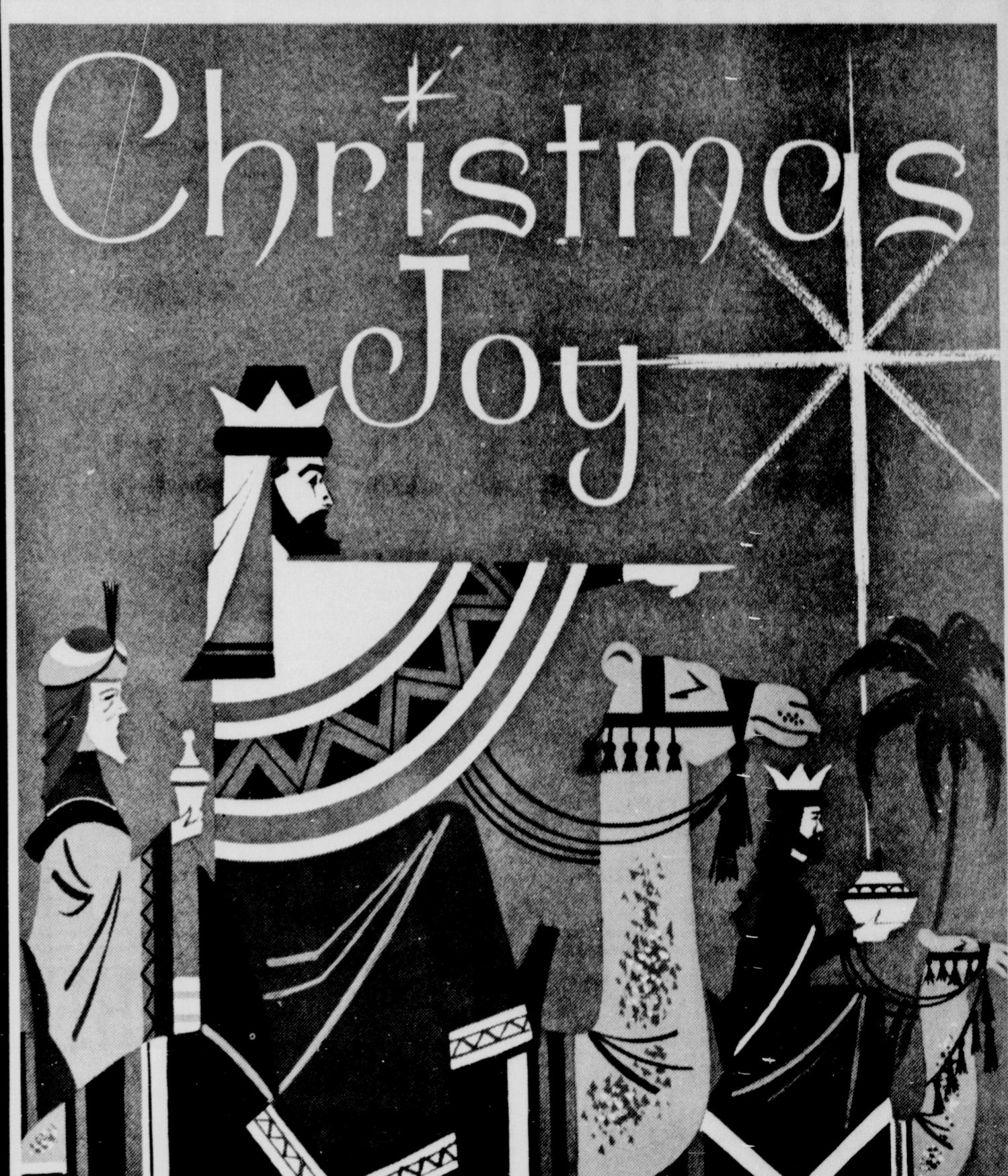
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and some dish-  
es and some clothes. I'm a  
very good girl.

Love ya,  
Chavela Contreras

Merry  
Christmas  
&a Happy  
&New Year

from  
all of the  
folks at  
Lone Star Gas

(We will be closed December 24th and 25th)



May God grant you and your family  
these joyful gifts of this holy season . . .  
Love, Peace and Understanding.

DR. AND MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH  
Mark, Mike and Gary





## Christmas JOY



A Beautiful Yuletide to one and all! Greetings from

BILLIE'S BEAUTY BAR

Billie Harughty

Linda Bailey

## Christmas Cheer



We prescribe Only the Best!

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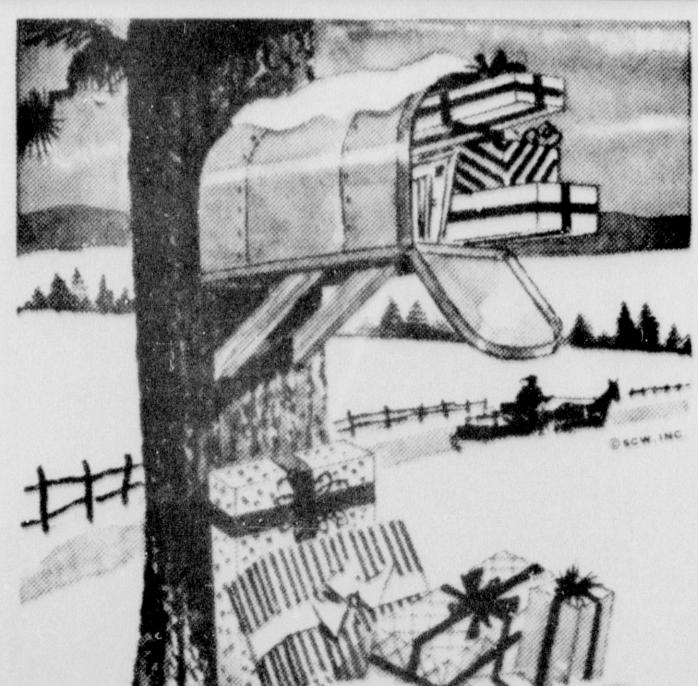
## Christmas cheer



May the season bloom with joy!

FASHION SHOP

Byrdie Madden, Frankie Wilson, Opal Smith  
Clarice Blankinship and Babs Jeffrey



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

And a very sincere thank you

CONNALLY FORD SALES

47 E. LAKE DRIVE



## IN THE TRADITION OF CHRISTMAS . . .

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not aroused — in whose mind some pleasant associations

are not awakened — by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it should be . . .

Never heed such dismal reminiscences . . .

Dwell not upon the past . . .

Reflect upon your present blessings — of which every man has many — not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Fill your glass again, with a merry face and contented heart. Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry, and your new year a happy one!

### Holiday Moon

A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.

### Christmas, 1608

"Wind, raine, frost, and snowe caused us to keepe Christmas amongst the Savages, where wee were never more merrie, nor fedde on

more plentie of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild foule, and good bread, nor never had better fires in England . . ."

So John Smith wrote of the few days he and his men spent with the natives at the end of December 1608 when he was seeking provisions from the Indian chief, Powhatan.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands."

Light Ye Candles

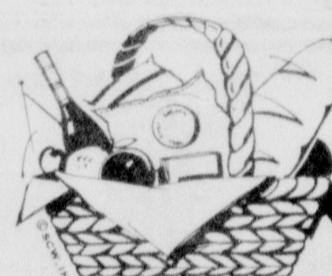
*Then be ye glad, good people,*

*This night of all the year,*

*And light ye up your candles,*

*For His star it shineth clear.*

*— Old English carol*

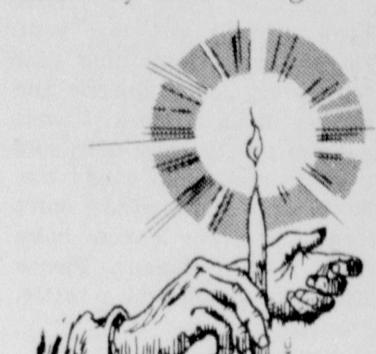


## Animals, Bees & Birds Play Important Parts at Christmas

One legend tells us that the barnyard animals show their adoration of the Child by falling on their knees just at midnight on Christmas Eve.

When the American Indians learned of the Baby Jesus, quite naturally they believed that the deer knelt at midnight on Christmas Eve.

The people of Norway honor all animals, even fish, at Yuletide. Cattle, birds, fish are assured of safety during the time which is known as the Peace of Christmas. No snares are set during this period. The farmers feed their cattle salt from a cow-bell in the belief that they would be able to find their way home at night.



In old Italy on Christmas Eve a curious ceremony often took place in the farmer's barn. The farmer and his shepherd would carry lighted candles into every corner of the animals' shelter holding the tapers high so that light was shed into every dark corner.

In Scandinavian literature there is a story of Jesus as a boy helping His playmates to make clay birds. When he had finished modeling his bird, He would clap his hands and the bird would take wing and fly off into the skies.

Even the bee has his niche in Christmas lore. In England long ago it was believed that the bees sang to the Christ Child at midnight on Christmas Eve. Some beekeepers still place a bit of holly on the beehives at Christmas.



## BLESSINGS



May the Christ Child bestow His peace upon you and yours during this holy season

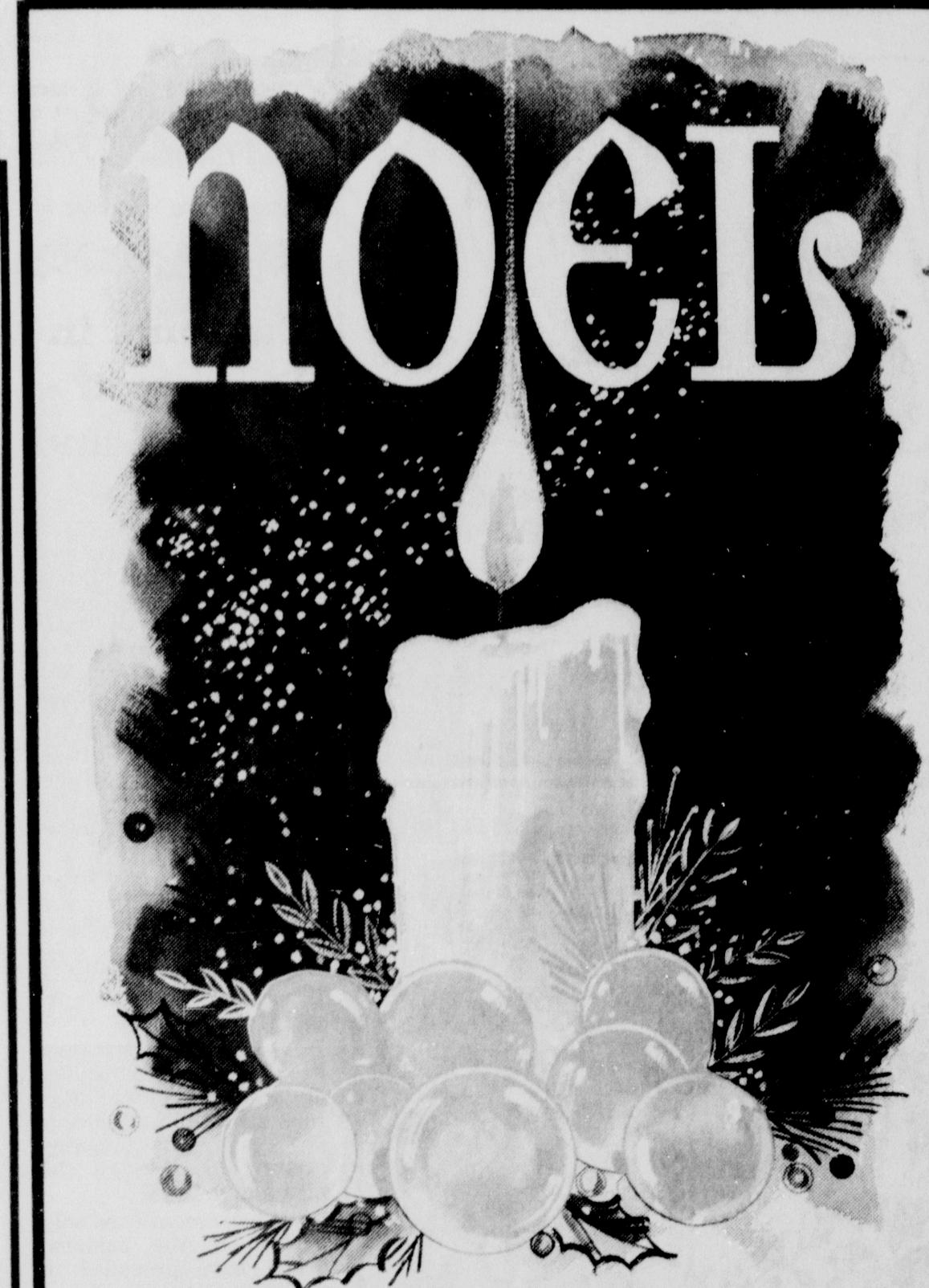
PIGGY, WIGGLY



LET US REJOICE  
ANEW WITH THE SHEPHERDS, AS  
WE RECEIVE THE GLAD TIDINGS

STYLE CLEANERS

DON HYMER, Owner



May the spirit of holiday joy burn brightly in your home and in your heart!

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Mary Margaret and Jayne Carol



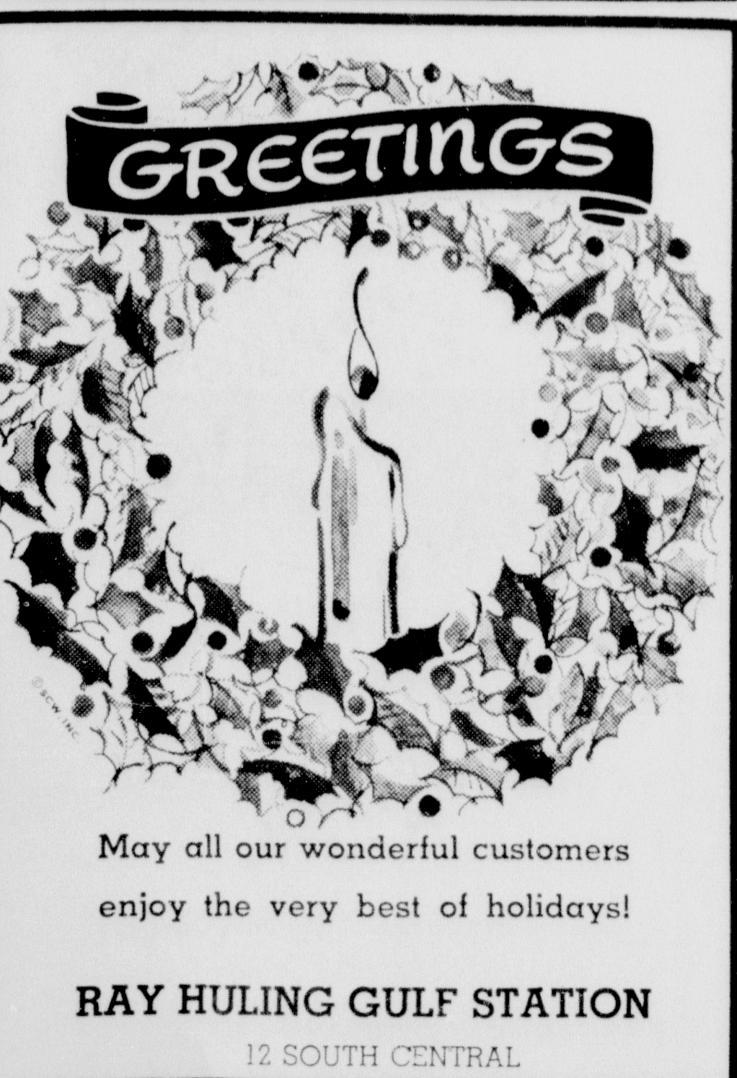
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RICKY AND GERALD

We hope your holidays "wind up" to be everything you wish for!

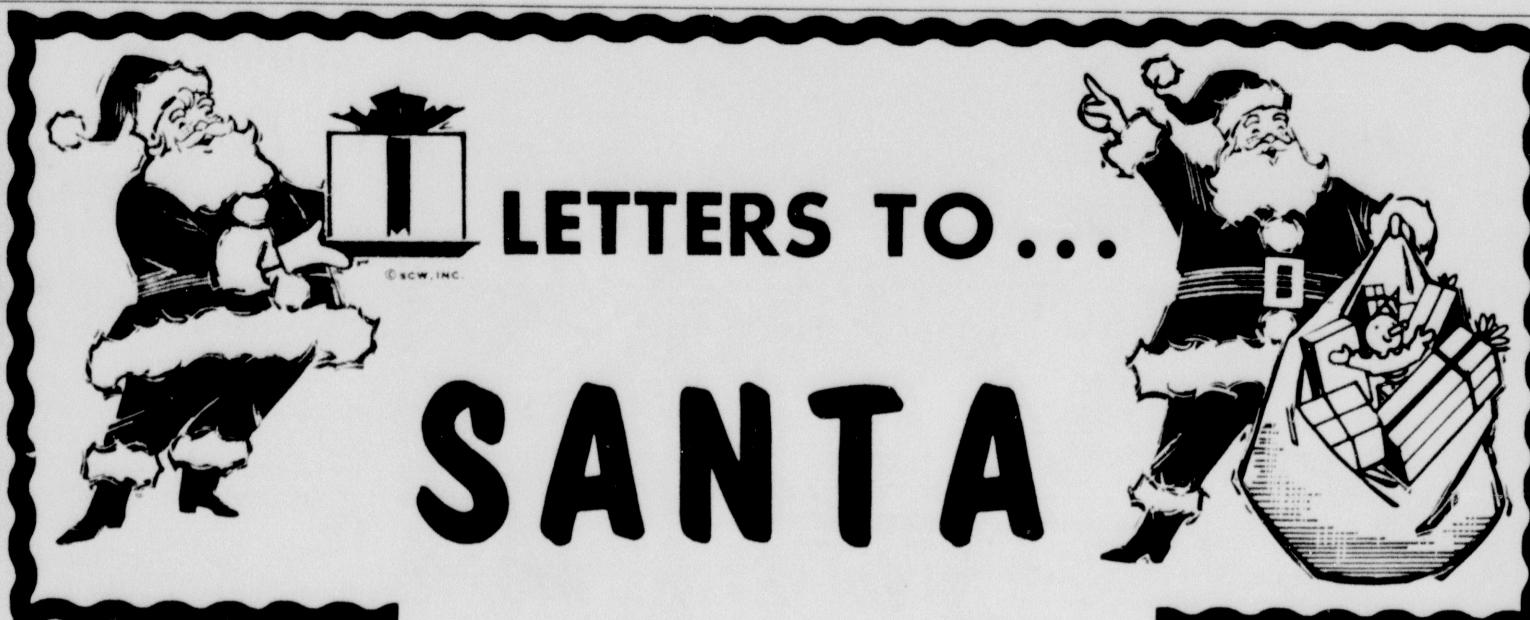
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Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Witt



RAY HULING GULF STATION

12 SOUTH CENTRAL



Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a purple bicycle with a banana seat and handle bars.  
And that's all I want this time.

I have been a good girl so please bring me this bike.  
Love,  
Tracy Blanton

P.S. And if you want to you can put a basket on it.

Dear Santa,  
I am four years old. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring something nice for my big sister, Sherrie and my big brother, Mark. I want some pretty baby dolls and a go-go rock. And candy too, Santa and Santa please don't forget I have a new baby sister named Roxann. Please bring her a doll and a rattle.  
Love,  
Nicole Carter

Telephone  
Doll  
Talking Barbie  
Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas.

Love,  
Cheryl Scifres

Claud Scifres December 5  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Billy blast off set and a timex watch with the day and I want it be water proof. And a football with football suit and a helmet and cleats and the No. 71 with the pads. Pool table. And a 50 pound weight. And a big Wheel and a poppy popper. And a Krazy Kar and a guitar.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I can't write so my big sister is writing this. I want a riding tractor and a doll. I love you.  
Tricia Kiser

Please bring me a rider-hopper, a pogo stick, a set of cowboys and Indians and a Johnny Lightning race track set.

Please bring something for

**Customs in Denmark, Sweden and Bulgaria**

Small metal trumpets that often trim Christmas trees began with a Danish custom. They used to play four hymns on them at Yule — symbolizing the four corners of the world.

In Swedish art, St. Lucia is sometimes pictured wearing candles in her hair. Her feast day, December 13, is a forerunner of Christmas.

In Bulgaria on Christmas Eve each peasant takes a lighted candle to the barn to awaken each animal, saying: "The Child is born and blesses you tonight."

Members of every family carry lighted candles on the way to church. Picture the winking, silvery streams of light threading their ways through the hills and valleys!

We have mentioned only a few of the customs which have prevailed in the European countries. Many of these customs are reflected in American Christmas celebrations. Also as befits a new country, it developed its own candle customs . . . these deserve an article all its own.

Melodious church bells conclude the celebrations of Christmas Day, ringing throughout the land until the last stroke of the clock chimes farewell to the Holiday.

## LETTERS TO... SANTA

my little sister.  
Love,  
John Bill  
I can't write because I have a broken arm.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle for I am big now. I want a doll's high chair and the set that goes to it. And a Barbie doll house and some roller skates.

Thank you  
Loutanna Scifres

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby Splash, a Baby Party and an easy bake. I want a pop corn popper, a puzzle a pen and a Baby Tippy Toes.  
Renea Pettyjohn

Dear Santa,  
I hope I have been a good girl. If I have, I want you please to give me a Dancerina, and a Susie Homemaker oven. Get how many things

you want to get me. I hope Rudolf is ready and all the other reindeers are ready for Christmas. I am ready for Christmas because I have had a long time to wait since last Christmas. I loved the things you got me last Christmas. Watch out we have a puppy in our house! She will usually run under the table.

Your love,  
Jamie Crowley  
Age 9. 4th Grade

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and some candy.

Your friend,  
Carla Holden

Dear Santa,  
I want doll  
Merry Christmas ball, doll bike.  
Carmen Rangel

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a Flashback racing set, Chu Chu Train. I hope you are ready for Christmas. An I do want a Tonka Dumptruck.  
Your truly,  
Age 3  
Brian Crowley

Dear Santa,  
I am a boy six years old. I would like a Slinky, a bicycle, and a spirograph for Christmas.

I have been a good boy.  
Thank you.  
Stevie Reynolds

**THE KNABELS**



MR. AND MRS. PHIL MANN

And Employees of

**LEE'S CAFE**

Would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Very Happy Holiday Season.



**FIX UP OLD TOYS, TREAT YOUNGSTERS IN HOSPITALS**

When all is said and done, there is no gift quite as wonderful as giving of yourself. For whatever reason the Creator may have, when we give our energies, our hearts to something or someone else, we share the joys perhaps to greater degree than the recipient.

This Christmas plan to bring a little happiness to the less fortunate, not by means of a check (though that is very welcome, too) but by means of personal involvement.



If you have children perhaps you have some old but still serviceable toys you could "bring back to life" with a little paint, a screw or bolt here or there or some minor repair. It can be a great source of pleasure to a little fellow in the hospital, orphanage or in a home where Dad is missing or not employed.

Perhaps your town has organized groups which coordinate such activity. You will enjoy it even more if you participate with a group.

When painting toys to be used by children, it is most important to use non-toxic enamels or paints. Never use paint designed for outside use.

Keep in mind that children enjoy strong, bold colors, as well as the glossiness of enamel.

For small objects self-spraying enamels in aerosol cans are the easiest to use. If more than one color is to be applied, protect other areas with masking tape.

All this is good therapy! And you'll be doing someone a world of good.

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Greetings from St. Nick!

JORDAN'S DAIRY CREAM

MR. AND MRS. ROY JORDAN



Dear Santa,  
I would like a bicycle and a Slinky for Christmas. I have been a good boy. I am four years old.

Thank you  
Todd Reynolds

Dear Santa,  
I want a Western Holster Set, a toy fire truck, and a bicycle for Christmas. I would also like a telescope.

Thank you,  
Love,  
Harold Miller Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Swingy doll, Mr. Chimp, some Barbie Clothes And a Walkie Talkie.

Thank you  
Love  
Teri Davis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a toy sewing machine, little up stairs playhouse.

Thank you  
Tamara Newland

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and some dishes. I want a bicycle too.

Dalia Lopez

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a snow cone machine and a chalk board?

Thank you,  
Gina Marshall

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a talking Barbie with family house and

15th Century Xmas Prayer

And go to Mary and make covenant with her, to keep her child, not for her need but for thine. And take to thee the sweet child and sweetly swathe it in his cradle with sweet love bands. Put from thee the cradle of self love and draw to thee the cradle of true love, for that liketh this child to rest him in, and so in thy soul sing lovelike and say:

Lovely little child, fairest of hue, have mercy on me, sweet Jesu.

And the while thou singest, be sorry and think how oft thou hast received thy God and laid him in a foul common stable to all the seven deadly sins . . . and seldom fully cleansed to God's liking; therefore oft sigh and sorrow and shrieve thee to God as thou rockest the cradle, and sing and say:

Lovely little Child.  
Anonymous

## LETTERS

TO...

## SANTA

Dancerina. Please do not forget my sister, Paula.

Love,  
Kathy Prewit

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year.  
I would like a dancerina, a Suzy homemaker oven, and a hair curler set.

Love  
Melissa Kiser

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, a talking G. I. Joe and a slinky. That will be all.

Thank you,  
Terry Fuschak

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a doll and some dishes.

Thank you,  
Mary Chavez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dancing Ballerina and a doll whose hair grows long.

Thank you  
Cindy K. Ingram

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll house, a doll and some clothes.

Thank you  
Maria Barrera

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle and lots of goodies.

Thank you  
Roma Rayni

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck with batteries a space rocket and a car.

Thank you  
Patrick Touchon

Dear Santa,  
Bring me an electric train,

## FUN-LOVING KING RESTORES TREE TO YULE STATUS

Ironically it was the "merry monarch," Charles II, that much-maligned king of England, whose licentious adventures were the scandal of 17th century Europe who actually caused the Christmas tree's return into English life.

It is said that the Roundheads, who beheaded his father Charles I, had banished the tree as part of the Devil's work, but on Cromwell's demise and the return of the royalists, the fun-loving monarch restored this picturesque custom, much to the joy of the English-speaking world.

a Pogo Pony and a big airplane.

Thank you,  
Charles Hertel

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I try very hard to work and be a good boy. I want a Johnny Lightning 500, a walkie talkie, a gun, a sprograph and some games. Please do not forget my little brother, Jeff. He wants a big riding car and a big riding tractor, and a little record player.

I love you,  
Mitch LawlisDear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a doll, a talking G. I. Joe.

I love you dear Santa

John Gonzalez

Cindy Lou Wood

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Swingy and clothes, doll bed, Stroller, bed Stroller, buggy. I love you dear Santa

Robe, gown and slippers Cindy

Kay Bailey

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby Christy, a vacuum cleaner, a pop corn popper, and a lot of different games.

Thank you,  
Kay

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and a new coat. And I want some doll dishes.

Carolyn Hunter

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle.

That is all I want.

Ronald Lee

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a truck and a bike — a BB gun and an airplane.

Thank you, Santa.

Albert Quintanilla

... and  
wise men  
still seek  
HIM

Midwest Electric Cooperative

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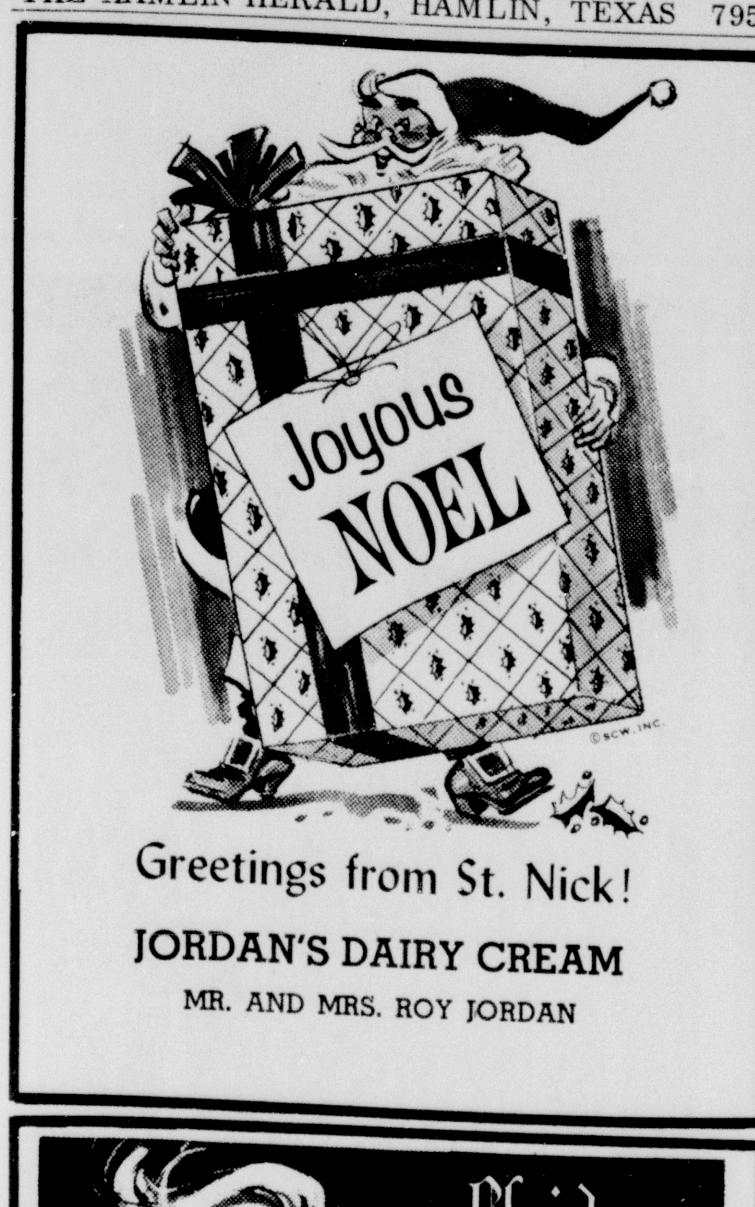


May the gift of peace be yours this Holy Season and may it fill your life with joy.

DR. AND MRS. E. D. PERRIN  
Terese, Pat, Chris and Greg



KINCAID GAS AND APPLIANCE



Let us rejoice at Christmas!



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**Greetings**  
May you "see" your way to Happiness  
LEE HASTINGS SERVICE STATION  
TEXACO PRODUCTS

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

HOPE THE SEASON "CLICKS"!

TIM JONES, PHOTOGRAPHY

**BELLS HAVE SPECIAL MAGIC AT CHRISTMAS**

Medieval people considered bells almost living beings. They were dedicated before being hung and the dedication was almost like a baptism. During the ceremony prayers were offered that the sound of the bell might summon the faithful, stimulate devotion, drive away storms and banish evil spirits. One document of days long ago comments: "in those dark chambers, high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the apostles of peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great Winter feasts of Christmas."



The novelist Victor Hugo calls the ringing of the bells the opera of the Steeples."

Bells come in all shapes and sizes. Their moods span the ages . . . from the rattle of the African chieftain to the sweet-toned church bells.

Bells were originated according to legend by Bishop Paulinus, in Nola, in Campania, in the fifth century.

From his town and district are derived the name Campanula, the Latin for bell.

**I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS...**

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
and wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!  
I thought how, as the day had come  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!  
And in despair I bowed my head:  
There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."  
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!  
The wrong shall fail  
The right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men!"  
HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, 1807-1882

**MOST FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CRIB IN BASILICA, ROME**

What is said to be "the most famous Christmas Crib in the world" is on view in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian, near the Coliseum in Rome. This *presepe*, truly a work of art and the only one of its kind, was created in Naples over 200 years ago. A certain S. Cataldo-Perricelli and his wife, who had inherited the Crib from ancestors, presented the scene to the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.

This unique display is 45 feet long, 21 feet wide, and 27 feet high, and contains hundreds of wooden, hand-carved figurines. They are the work of several artists of the 17th century, and portray various phases of Neapolitan life of that period.

The surrounding scenes portray life as it must have been in Naples over two centuries ago.

The most important part of the Crib is, naturally, the Holy Family. The Magi are dressed in colorful Oriental garments, and kneel before the holy Infant, offering Him rich gifts.

Rejoice and be merry in song and mirth! O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth! For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!

Anonymous

**Peace on Earth**

Good Will To All  
Men This Christmas

BOND WELDING  
PETE AND MAVIS BOND

**Legend of Poinsettia Has Origin in Mexico**

Many legends of the Christmas season are concerned with children. This one is about a little boy who wanted to give something worthy to the Christ child.

In a town in Mexico it was the custom for the people to take gifts to the church on Christmas Eve and offer them to the little Christ.

The boy, having nothing to offer, stood outside the church dejectedly.

But, he thought to himself, at least I can pray. And so he knelt down outside the window where he could hear the organ music.



When he rose again to his feet he saw in the spot where he had knelt a beautiful plant with scarlet leaves and a yellow flower in the center.

Dumbstruck, yet realizing he was witnessing a miracle, he gently plucked the stalk and took it, full of wonder, into the church to lay on the altar.

The Mexicans called the plant "The Flower of the Holy Night."

Years later an American Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Poinsett, took the plant to the United States. Thus, the name "poinsettia." Ironically we do not know the name of the little boy who experienced the miracle.



# Christmas Cheer

It's always a pleasure to greet friends at this holiday season and wish them the best: health, wealth, and happiness!

MAC'S

LUTHER AND MARTHA HAUGHT

**Blessings to All**

On this Holy Day . . . we pray that you will be blessed with health and happiness and may the spirit of Christmas guide your future.

**HEIDENHEIMER'S**

**GREETINGS**

It's our favorite time of year — when we have the opportunity of wishing all our good friends a very merry Christmas!

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WATTS FLETCHER, Manager